

Project requests from Rep. Wilson:

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Business and Technology Incubator

Lawrence County Economic Development Corporation

216 Collins Avenue

South Point, OH 45680

\$900,000

The applicant believes this is a valuable use of taxpayers' money, because the project will create up to five positions to be filled by staff members who will reach out to local businesses and start ups and offer support. They will offer help with creating viable business plans and putting them in touch with the appropriate contacts.

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Network Operations Center/IT Incubator

Columbiana County Port Authority

1250 St. George Street □□□□□□□□

Columbiana, OH 43920

\$900,000

The applicant believes this is a valuable use of the taxpayers' money because it will expand the incubator/network operations center located in the Columbiana County Port Authority's Trade Park in Appalachia. This facility would support a regional fiber optic network, which aims to provide multiple counties with wireless internet access. The additional incubator space will allow IT companies to locate at the facility which would create up to 30 jobs in the following year.

**Regional Entrepreneurial Assistance Channel (REACH) of the Mahoning Valley
*Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber***

11 Central Square Suite 1600

Youngstown, OH 44503

\$600,000

The applicant believes this is a valuable use of taxpayers' money, because the REACH program will work with entrepreneurs to develop ideas with potential into solid, well researched business plans. This will increase their chances of obtaining funding in an environment in which many lenders are being overly cautious.

Small Business Development for Appalachian Ohio's Emerging Biomass Industry

Ohio University

Cutler Hall

Athens, OH 45701

\$500,000

The recipient believes this is a valuable use of the taxpayers' money, because it will support a onetime implementation cost for an initiative targeted to provide assistance to start up small businesses in Appalachian Ohio's emerging biomass industry.

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Sustainable Opportunity Development Center

Salem Area Industrial Development Corporation

209 South Broadway

Columbiana, OH □ 44460

\$385,000

The recipient believes this is a valuable use of the taxpayers' money, because this would provide for a full time staff member who will coordinate the economic activities of the many small rural communities. This will help the area as a whole identify more opportunities to create jobs.